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Punishment Of Chinese

Report That the Court Agrees to the Demands of Foreign Ministers.

Waldere's Expedition Will Include British, German, French and Italian Soldiers.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A Havas Agency dispatch from Peking says "The Hong Chang and Prince Ching have informed the legations that the court agrees to inflict the punishments demanded. Waldere's Expedition. Shanghai, Feb. 19.—A special dispatch from Peking says Field Marshal Count von Waldere's expedition to Sian Fu will total 15,000 men, British, Germans, French and Italians. It is understood to be the desire that the expedition shall act as a guard of honor to the Emperor on his way back to Peking.

An Ultimatum? Peking, Feb. 19.—The eight days given the Chinese authorities for the publication of satisfactory edicts, the foreign ministers says, cannot be considered as an ultimatum, as the notice refers particularly only to the cessation of examinations and the liability of the governor of the provinces, where outrages officials fail to see the difference between a series of ultimatums and a single ultimatum covering the entire demands, and ask what, if the Chinese refuse to agree to any points during the number of days given, the ministers intend to do.

Minister Conger's Protest. Washington, Feb. 19.—During the cabinet meeting to-day a cablegram from Minister Conger was submitted referring to the proposed military expedition in China, under the command of Count von Waldere. It disclosed the fact the United States minister had protested to the military council against hostile movements of this character, but that his protests had failed to receive consideration, the other foreign ministers taking the ground that they had no authority to influence the military operations one way or the other.

Report Confirmed. Peking, Feb. 19.—Prince Chang and Li Hung Chang have received a telegram which virtually means that the Chinese will comply with all the demands of the powers, although they still desire information on a few minor points. The foreign envoys look forward confidently to the absolute compliance by Thursday at the latest.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang have been greatly worried by the preparations for the expedition into the interior, and they have strongly urged the court to yield, pointing out that otherwise the dismemberment of the empire was probable.

Waiting for Information. London, Feb. 19.—The foreign office awaits anxiously in the dark as to the real significance of Count von Waldere's last orders. It is hoped that by Friday information will be forthcoming to enable Great Britain to decide as to what is really going on in the Far East. At present she is not more anxious than the United States to take part in an extended campaign into the interior of China, but she reports from the east of action are so contradictory that Lord Lansdowne refrains from sending mandatory dispatches or committing himself to any definite line of international action.

The United States opposition to Count Waldere's reported action receives cordial sympathy from the British, though it is thought they are inclined to doubt whether the right construction is placed upon his motives. Lord Salisbury has so often put Great Britain on record as opposed to aggressive military operations in China that officials here can scarcely conceive that Count von Waldere would issue orders so utterly at variance with the attitude of Great Britain and the United States.

KILLED IN RAID.

Wife of "Joint" Keeper Shot During Attack on Husband's Saloon. Leavenworth, Kas., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Rose Hudson, wife of John Hudson, a "joint" keeper at Milwood, fourteen miles north of this city, was shot and instantly killed last night during a raid upon her husband's saloon. One of the raiders was slightly wounded.

TOOK REFUGE IN TUNNEL.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 19.—During a general attack on McDonald's railroad camp at Wolf Summit, Wm. Francis shot and killed Shary Riggs. The murderer then retreated into a new tunnel being cut through Purses Grove hill and defied arrest. He is armed with a Winchester rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition, but is without food. All work has been stopped on the tunnel and the officers have decided to starve him out.

The total municipal assets of New York, including all public buildings, institutions, sewers, etc., amount to about \$200,000,000.

W. F. MACLEAN'S PROPOSAL.

Suggested That the Railways in Canada Be Nationalized. Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The leader of the opposition, preferring not to go into the supply until the Auditor-General presented his report, the session of the House was brief yesterday. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. James Sutherland, and Hon. John Haggart, were appointed a committee to strike the standing committee of the House.

Mr. Maclean of East York submitted a motion to adjourn the House in order to call attention to the reported formation of a railway trust in the United States, and suggested that the railways in Canada be nationalized by the government to prevent their control by the syndicate. Mr. Maclean said that the G. T. R. and C. P. R. as now owned and controlled antagonized Canada, with its ports, cereals, and fast Atlantic service. He believed it would cost more to extend the C. R. across the continent than to acquire the G. P. R., which would be done for \$50,000,000. He would be willing to pay a man like Charles M. Hays \$100,000 a year if necessary to administer the railways absolutely for the benefit of the people.

In replying, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he did not want to be offensive, but if Mr. Maclean had been serious in bringing the question before the people he had not taken the best method of directing the attention of the House to it. He thought that the suggestion that the government buy the G. T. R. was worthy of some notice, and as far as possible the House should be kept informed of the matter, and that no question be brought to the attention of the House upon motion to adjourn, except it be of great urgency, and he did not see any reason why this question should not stand until to-morrow. If Mr. Maclean were really anxious to have the question brought before the House, he could have it brought up on the motion to go into committee of supply, when there would be plenty of time to discuss it.

Mr. N. Clarke Wallace thought that the House was entitled to more information, and claimed that the Great Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway were operating against the interests of the Dominion. Mr. Charlton said that the development of affairs in the United States was of such a character as to challenge the attention of Canada. He mentioned the recently formed billion dollar trust, that the Western Union was paying a dividend of 8 per cent. upon a capital of \$80,000,000, while \$10,000,000 represented the actual cost of construction, the rest being water. Although watered from time to time the New York Central paid a dividend of 6 per cent. He had sometimes feared that political corruption, but he would be in favor of government ownership of telegraphs at once.

KING'S CORONATION.

Mr. Whitlaw Reid Will Represent the United States at Ceremony. New York, Feb. 19.—According to the Herald it has been announced, among Republican leaders that Mr. Whitlaw Reid is to be named as envoy extraordinary to the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII, which will probably take place in June, although the exact date has not yet been settled. Mr. Reid acted as the special envoy of this country at Queen Victoria's jubilee.

PURCHASING STEAMERS.

New York, Feb. 19.—At the annual meeting of the American Steel & Wire Company the purchase of the American Steamship Company for \$5,000,000 was authorized. The steamship company, with only a part of the fleet in operation, had earned last year over \$800,000.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

The body of Wm. McIntyre, farm laborer, beheaded and decapitated, was found on the railway track south of Meaford, Ont., on Monday. It is supposed he was struck by a train while walking on the track. The 19th annual meeting of the grand council Royal Templars of Temperance, Ontario, convened at Toronto yesterday. President Buchanan, in his opening address, arraigned the Dominion and Ontario governments for failure to carry out pledges for prohibitory legislation. The supreme council of the Independent Order of Foresters on Monday night tendered a banquet to Hon. Dr. Montague, ex-minister of agriculture in the Conservative administration, at Toronto, who is leaving for Australia on a trip in the interest of the order. Dr. Montague was presented with a silver tea service suitably inscribed. Andrew Allan, senior member of the firm of H. & A. Allan, Montreal, the well known steamship owners and agents of the Allan line, and one of the pioneers of the Canadian-Atlantic steamship service, is dangerously ill.

Hebert's statue of Queen Victoria, which is to be erected on the parliament grounds, Ottawa, at a cost of \$25,000, has arrived at Portland on route to Ottawa.

In the Ontario legislature yesterday afternoon Mr. Whitney, leader of the opposition, said he desired to ask if the Premier was willing to say whether the probabilities were there would be an other session of the house. The Premier answered: "We have no present intention of going to the country until another session of the house has been held."

African Situation

Discussed in the Imperial House of Commons—Terms For the Boers.

Thirty Thousand Horses Have Been Sent Out Within Three Months.

London, Feb. 19.—Mr. W. St. John Broderick, secretary of state for war, gave an official denial in the House of Commons to-day to the story that orders had been issued that all Boers captured in their uniforms were to be shot. Mr. Chamberlain, Colonial secretary, informed the House that a proclamation setting forth the intentions of the government in the administration of the new South African colonies had already been drafted, but had not been issued, in deference to the opinion of Gen. Kitchener and Sir Alfred Milner, that the time was not yet opportune.

When the debate on the address in reply to the King's speech was resumed, Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, Liberal, formerly home secretary, criticized the speech of Mr. Chamberlain yesterday evening as a revival of the "Billingsgate" of the general election. He alluded to the suggestion that the opposition favored undoing the annexation of the two republics, but he said:

A Settlement would not be accelerated by truculent language but by the combination of a strong army capable of commanding respect and terms not derogatory to either the victors or the vanquished.

Mr. Broderick, who followed, declared that the terms offered the Boers were better than ever before tendered to a vanquished enemy. Leniency to men on parole had been a failure. He appealed to the opposition to stop the delivery of mischievous speeches and the circulation of pamphlets which did an immense amount of harm in South Africa. In defending the government against the charge of failing to reinforce Gen. Kitchener, Mr. Broderick said that 20,000 horses had been sent out within three months, and they hoped by the end of March to have increased Gen. Kitchener's mounted forces by 20,000 men.

Mr. Thomas O'Donnell (Nationalist) began to address in the Irish language, and the Speaker asked him to order if he had spoken three or four sentences, reminding him that to speak Irish was an unknown practice in the House of Commons. Mr. O'Donnell continued to speak in the Irish tongue, greatly to the delight of the Nationalist members of the House. The Speaker severely requested him to desist.

Mr. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, said: "There is no written or unwritten rule against a member using the language which is most familiar to him—I am an Irishman and I speak the New Zealand House speak in the Maori language." The Speaker: "There is no rule on the subject, but there is no precedent during the existence of the House of Commons for a member speaking anything but English."

Mr. Edmund Leamy, Nationalist member for North Kildare, pointed out that the Irish chieftains, before the Act of Union, were invited by the House of Commons to speak Irish. The Speaker: "There is no precedent for that. The House of Commons has never invited a member to speak in his native tongue."

Mr. O'Donnell began to speak in English, and re-asserted his right as the representative of an Irish constituency, and as a member of a nation still possessing a language of its own, to address the House in his native tongue. At this point the Speaker stopped him perceptually.

Several other Irish members denounced the limitation to English imposed by the Speaker.

SKIRMISHES IN PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Feb. 19.—Col. Schuyler, with one hundred men of the 40th regiment, on the gunboat Itasca, landed on the Cavite coast near Ternate, and proceeded inland, capturing a small rebel garrison. The rebels marched along a mountain trail, Col. Schuyler's troops followed the rebels of Trias's command. After a sharp fight the enemy was beaten and scattered. One American was killed and one was wounded.

The United States transport Rosecrans has returned here from the island of Guam, after landing there the Filipino prisoners, who have been transported to that place. The prisoners were landed on January 12th. They occupy an excellent prison site, four miles from Agaña. The prison is called the Presidio. It is situated on an ascent.

FAVOR OHIO CANAL.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The House committee on railways and canals to-day acted favorably on the bill incorporating the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company. The company is authorized to construct a canal from a point at or near Pittsburg, on the head waters of the Ohio river and near the junction of the Monocahela and Allegheny rivers, thence via Ohio, Beaver and Mahoning rivers to Niles, Ohio; thence through Ohio to the most accessible harbor on Lake Erie. Several branch canals are also provided.

POLB-CAREW MARRIED.

London, Feb. 19.—The marriage of Brigadier-General Polb-Carew to Lady Beatrice Bellie, eldest daughter of the Marquis of Ormond, at the Guards' chapel, Wellington barracks, this afternoon, attracted an extraordinary assemblage, including many officers in uniform. The newly married couple received over six hundred presents. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught being among those who sent gifts.

THE CUDARY ABDUCTION.

Man Arrested Charged With Complicity—Another Arrest Expected. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19.—James Callahan is under arrest charged with complicity in the abduction of Edward Cudary, Jr., on the night of December 18th. Callahan was arrested last Saturday, but the police have kept it secret, in the hope of securing other arrests.

Young Cudary was positively identified by the man who was arrested before. The Cudary residence, and represented himself to be a sheriff from an adjoining county, and forced him into a buggy, and also as the man who kept guard over him at the Melrose Mill house during the thirty hours he was kept a prisoner pending the negotiations for the ransom of \$25,000 which Mr. Cudary paid for the return of his boy. Dan H. Busch, who sold a horse and buggy to two men, who are supposed to have used it to procure the abduction, also identified Callahan as one of the men with whom he made the deal.

Marie Larson, a servant in the employ of J. N. Patrick, of whom the kidnappers rented a house, and says he is the man who paid a month's rent in advance for a cottage in Happy Hollow, which the bandits abandoned two weeks before the abduction, fearing discovery. Callahan is charged absolutely that he had nothing to do with the kidnapping, but admits he was a close friend of Crowe's. He says he can prove an alibi, and states that during the time which it is claimed he spent guarding young Cudary, he was in possession of the keys to the cottage, which is a short distance from the Melrose Mill house. Mrs. Kelly was asked concerning the whereabouts of Callahan at the time of the abduction; she said the day following the deed he was at her home, but she acknowledged that she does not know his whereabouts since that time.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

Scenes of Enthusiasm at Luncheon Given by Lord Strathcona. Montreal, Feb. 19.—A cable from London to the Montreal Star says: "London has rarely witnessed a scene of patriotic enthusiasm that equalled today's luncheon given by Lord Strathcona at Kensington Palace hotel to Col. Steele, the officers and men of Strathcona's Horse, returning from the national campaign. The gathering was a most private character, but among Lord Strathcona's personal friends present were Lord Bunsford, under whose command Strathcona's fought; Mr. Broderick, secretary of war; Lord Aberdeen, Earl Grey, Earl Derby, Lord Stanley and other prominent Englishmen. Lord Bunsford's speech, recognizing the gathering as a most private character, but among Lord Strathcona's personal friends present were Lord Bunsford, under whose command Strathcona's fought; Mr. Broderick, secretary of war; Lord Aberdeen, Earl Grey, Earl Derby, Lord Stanley and other prominent Englishmen. Lord Bunsford's speech, recognizing the gathering as a most private character, but among Lord Strathcona's personal friends present were Lord Bunsford, under whose command Strathcona's fought; Mr. Broderick, secretary of war; Lord Aberdeen, Earl Grey, Earl Derby, Lord Stanley and other prominent Englishmen.

EXHAUSTED COAL SUPPLY.

Portion of Cargo Used to Assist Steamer Lord Kelvin to Port. Queenstown, Feb. 19.—Arriving steamers continue to report having encountered storms on the Atlantic. The British steamer Lord Kelvin reports having had a fearful voyage. She experienced terrific easterly gales for fifteen days, and her coal supply became exhausted, and she was forced to burn portion of her cargo for several days. Almost throughout the voyage the weather was the worst ever experienced by all on board.

BIG BLAZE AT JACKSON.

Property Lost Was Valued at \$100,000—Two Men Missing. Jackson, Tenn., Feb. 19.—Fire last night destroyed the Pythian opera house, the Second National Bank building, the local offices of the American & Southern Express Co., and three adjoining business establishments. A property loss of \$100,000. It is feared that the two men lost their lives in the falling of the opera house walls.

LONDON MAIL TAX SUGGESTION.

London, Feb. 19.—The Daily Mail, in view of the necessity of raising money for the war in South Africa, still, "in full blast," advocates a tariff for a revenue purpose, which it says differs entirely from a protective tariff. The states and views of the Mail are discussed, although the speed and precision with which Russia has brought the United States to their knees by retaliation are most instructive. It suggests a ten per cent. ad valorem duty on foreign manufactures. This suggestion will probably find considerable support in view of the almost certain increase of the income tax.

RUSSO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The semi-official Trade and Industry Gazette of St. Petersburg contends that Russo-American relations have been friendly, finding support in an ever increasing advantageous mutual exchange of commodities, that the present discordance can only be regarded as transitory. It represents both Mr. Gage and Mr. de Witte as being forced by circumstances to act against their own wishes.

AN OHIO MAN DIED RECENTLY FROM THE EFFECTS OF PLAYING A BRASS HARP.

The brain in constant touch with his fingers, it is claimed, poisoned his system.

The Annual Dinner

Yorkshiresmen of Victoria Dine Together and Spend a Social Evening.

Speechmaking and Songs—Officers Were Elected For Ensuing Year.

At the Victoria Cafe yesterday evening a very pleasant evening was spent by the Yorkshire Society of British Columbia. The occasion was the second annual dinner of the society, and was attended by about fifty, who claimed Yorkshire as their native county. The best of good fellowship pervaded the gathering from the time they sat down to dinner until the conclusion of the function.

Before dinner a gathering of the society was held in the room adjoining the dining hall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. In the absence of Col. Prior, the president of the society, Rev. Canon Beaman, first vice-president, occupied the chair. The result of the election was as follows: President, Hon. Col. Prior; first vice-president, Rev. Canon Beaman; second vice-president, Col. Wolfenden; secretary, J. G. Elliott; committee, Messrs. H. Firth, W. Burrell, W. P. Wessley, H. J. Martin and H. S. Henderson.

Assembling around the banquet table the party fully sustained the reputation enjoyed by their countrymen of enjoying a good dinner. Rev. Canon Beaman presided, with Col. Wolfenden occupying the vice chair. Regrets at not being able to attend were read from Messrs. Wallace, Grime and Thos. C. Sorby. Mr. Longfield acted as pianist during the evening.

The toast list being reached, the health of the King was proposed by Rev. Canon Beaman, who made reference to this being the first occasion upon which the society has been called to honor His Majesty as such. He only lamented that the King was not a Yorkshireman, but he was pleased that he was keeping his son a Yorkshireman. In drinking the health of the National Anthem was sung.

The toast of "The Navy, the Army and the Reserve Forces" was proposed by Joseph Pierson, who extolled the work accomplished by the regular branches of the service in South Africa and in China, but especially could he honor the Canadians who took part in it. Speaking from a personal knowledge of South Africa, he wondered at the action taken by the South Africans, believing they were led into it by the Transvaalers.

Colonel Wolfenden, in responding, referred to many historic incidents which he had witnessed in connection with the war in South Africa. He spoke also of the Canadian contingents and the honor due to them. Mr. H. Firth sang "Little Jim, the Powder Monkey," which was well received, the entire gathering joining in the chorus. Jesse Longfield contributed a violin solo. Both musical selections were encored.

"Our Native Country" was proposed by H. S. Henderson, who spoke of the important place which Yorkshire occupied among the counties of England. The frankness and honor of the Yorkshiremen was well known, he said. H. Colthart replied to the toast, speaking in the Yorkshire dialect. His remarks were interspersed with many amusing anecdotes. He said Yorkshiremen were great sports, and they always played fair, were great singers, were diligent in business, and were long-lived. In answer to repeated calls, he gave an amusing story of a Yorkshireman's description of the rendering of the "Messiah."

Mr. Firth gave a vocal selection, which was heartily encored. The toast of "Our Adopted Country" was introduced by John Pierson. He said that it fell to his lot to touch upon the grave side of the Yorkshireman, which prompted him to leave his native land and push into a new country in quest of a fortune. He was proud of the "Messiah."

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the spirit which animated the men of his native shire in this enlightening. Speaking of British Columbia in general and Victoria in particular, he believed that nowhere were there better chances for a young man. He believed that Victoria was only commencing upon its golden era. In spite of what might be said to the contrary, it was a moral city. B. S. Oddy, who responded, made reference to the advantages which were given to the Yorkshiremen as an emigrant from his early training. They were a sturdy people, and were taught uprightness of character. Messrs. Ives and Williams gave a duet, which was duly appreciated.

In proposing "The Yorkshire Society of British Columbia," Rev. Canon Beaman made reference to the correspondence between the committee and the home society in the matter of raising a fund to erect at York Minister a memorial to those Yorkshiremen who had fallen in South African battle. Being invited to express their views, several of the members spoke approvingly of the matter. As a result a subscription list was opened and very generally signed. Several members of the Canadian contingents having entered, an enthusiastic reception was given them. The health of the "Boys in Khaki" was drunk. Adjourning to an adjoining room a flash-light photograph was taken of the company by M. F. Burrell.

Re-assembling in the dining hall again, the remainder of the toast list was duly carried out. Several songs were interspersed. The company broke up at an early hour, having enjoyed a most pleasant reunion.

NAMES OF LECTURERS.

The Dairy Addresses Have to Be Postponed. The following circular has been issued by the department of agriculture: In consequence of the announcement by Prof. Robertson that he is unable to carry out the proposed programme of short dairy courses in the spring, we are requested by J. R. Anderson, superintendent of instruction, to say that he regrets that he has no alternative but to postpone the dairy courses which he was led to promise should be held, until later in the season. The following is an excerpt from Prof. Robertson's letter, viz: "Matters have come up in connection with the business of carrying on the government creameries in the Northwest Territories, which make it impracticable for me to spare Messrs. Mackay and Mitchell for the proposed dairy courses during the present winter or next spring. However, I have been authorized by the minister to arrange for the giving of these short courses in dairying at some period during the summer, when they can be given. I think you will agree with me, with more benefit than during the winter."

Prof. Robertson has, however, placed at Mr. Anderson's disposal the services of Messrs. T. G. Raynor and D. Drummond for the regular spring meetings which are to take place during the last part of March, and in April. These two gentlemen will speak on any of the following subjects: Dr. Drummond, "Sunshine Care of Dairy Cows," "Cultivation of Soil and Application of Manure," "Conservation of Soil Moisture," "The Dairy Cow, How to Find Her," "Raising Dairy Calves," "Notes on Chicken Feeding."

T. G. Raynor, "Selection and Cross Breeding of Animals," "Clover Culture," "Soiling Crops," "Soil Moisture," "Cultivation of the Soil," "The Use of Composts," "Composition of Foods," "Pork Production," "Dairy Farming," "Planting and Care of an Orchard," "Unprofitable Farming Made Profitable," "Our Horse Market," "Tillage," "Farming as an Occupation," "The History of Agriculture," "Agricultural Education."

Mr. Anderson also entered into arrangements during his recent visit to the agricultural colleges of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the services of some of the professors of those colleges to come to the province when they can be spared, to do institute work. It is, therefore, intended that in future whole day meetings shall be held in order to give the eminent gentlemen employed full opportunity to treat exhaustively the subjects on which they speak.

SLK THREAD COMBINE.

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A Rousing Reception Given to the Boys in Khaki Last Night.

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The arrival of the contingent last evening recalled to the minds of all the memorable scenes attending their departure a little more than a year ago. True it was a bigger company than went forth at that time burning with the ardor, eager to win fame as some of the familiar faces were missing from the little company that the march of the men for a few blocks last night was unmarked by great demonstration. The onlookers naturally recalled the names of Bland, Scott, Mainville, Somers and Chad, and the sight of the gallant fellows, who had borne with them the burden of the campaign, the long marches and the shock of battle, revived memories which were too deep to find expression in cheers.

Yet there was no lack of warmth in their welcome. From the decks of the Quadra, from the wharf, and other points of vantage, the pyrotechnic art blossomed a welcome, as the Chalmers glided past. The general public was excluded from the wharf, but the Victoria members of the contingent, the mayor and council and the 50th Regiment band were there to do the honors for all. And right royally they did it.

There were a few minutes allowed the men to exchange handshakes and to form up, and then the procession swung out of the shed and up to Wharf street. Ahead were the members of the city council in carriages, and behind them a big body of police under Chief Langley. Following the law guardians was the band, and then the "boys" hunky, lanky, fit and looking ready for another such march as that with the 10th Brigade, with whose time they will be imperishably associated.

But when Government street was reached the crowd broke loose. In spite of rain and slush such as has been rare here this winter, the city had emptied itself on to the streets, and firecrackers and cheers were seen and heard in constant association. Plooding along contentedly in the slush a Times man found George Jeeves, a good conscience and an ample dividend reflected in his eyes. But he exercised his inalienable right as a kicker all the same. "Now, don't you think it was a good idea of mine having these boys down here for the opening?" he asked. An affirmative reply gave him his chance. "Well, why didn't you say so? You fellows in the Times there, never gave me any credit for it." By a fortunate dispensation of providence, the head of the column just then turned on to Yates street, and Mr. Jeeves's energies were successfully enlisted, together with those of several others, in raising three times three and a tiger for the "First."

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The arrival of the contingent last evening recalled to the minds of all the memorable scenes attending their departure a little more than a year ago. True it was a bigger company than went forth at that time burning with the ardor, eager to win fame as some of the familiar faces were missing from the little company that the march of the men for a few blocks last night was unmarked by great demonstration. The onlookers naturally recalled the names of Bland, Scott, Mainville, Somers and Chad, and the sight of the gallant fellows, who had borne with them the burden of the campaign, the long marches and the shock of battle, revived memories which were too deep to find expression in cheers.

Yet there was no lack of warmth in their welcome. From the decks of the Quadra, from the wharf, and other points of vantage, the pyrotechnic art blossomed a welcome, as the Chalmers glided past. The general public was excluded from the wharf, but the Victoria members of the contingent, the mayor and council and the 50th Regiment band were there to do the honors for all. And right royally they did it.

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Three Marriages Celebrated in City—Well Known Victorian Couple United in Matrimony.

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RAILWAYS AND COAL MINES. The interview with Mr. W. M. Brewer printed in another column of the Times is especially apropos at the present time. In it is presented in concise form the value of the resources of the southern part of the province and the measures necessary to make them of practical value to the coast cities particularly and to British Columbia generally. It is interesting to know that in the opinion of such an authority we have lost much in the past from the lack of direct rail communication with the most highly developed mining region of the province, and his statement as to the important works which are proceeding there at present and the great things that are promised in the future shows how necessary it is that we should banish our unaccountable apathy and energetically urge upon the provincial government how imperative it is that encouragement should be given of such a nature as to secure the construction of the line which not only the business men but the farmers of the coast are petitioning for. No sophistries of railway or other interested magnates can obscure the fact that the business of that region of proved riches and great promise in regard to population by reason of proximity rightfully belongs to the merchants of the coast if they are enterprising enough to take advantage of their opportunities and offer inducements equal to those of their Eastern rivals. To secure all these things it is not only necessary that a railway shall be built but that the government shall retain such control of its rates as to ensure that it shall carry out the purposes for which it is to be built. The statements of Mr. Brewer on this and another point of interest are worthy of repeating here. He says: "In order to form an intelligent idea of the future possibilities of the Similkameen and Boundary Creek districts it is necessary for one to make a personal visit and examine the mines and smelters there. From that he will, more especially if he is versed in mining and smelting, realize the importance which these districts possess to-day and the extent of their possibilities. He will also be forcibly reminded of the absolute necessity of direct railroad communication between the coast and these districts, if the coast cities desire to reap the benefit of the trade which will centre there in the future. He will also be very forcibly reminded of the lack of enterprise which has been shown in the past by the citizens of Victoria and Vancouver, and the various governments of British Columbia in having permitted this trade to enrich Eastern Canada and Spokane. We have several times referred to the absurdity of the arguments which are being advanced on behalf of the C. P. R. in connection with the proposal to construct a railway from the Crow's Nest mines over the international boundary into the markets of the United States. The Crow's Nest coal is conceded to be the best mined in the West, there is a great demand for it, and why in the name of common sense there should be any obstacle placed in the way of supplying that demand in the most economical and direct way is something

no fellow can understand, unless he is silly enough to believe the stories of a probable coal famine in a province so richly endowed with that valuable commodity as British Columbia is. Besides, the railways and other industries of the United States can get all the coal they need at the present time by simply paying the freight rates demanded by the C. P. R., and if at any time there should appear to be any danger of a shortage it is in the power of the government to provide a remedy without even appealing to the patriotism of the great railway corporation and urging it to cease from denuding our coal fields. Here is Mr. Brewer's opinion on this point: "The cry which has gone out from Mr. Houston and others relative to the danger which threatens the smelting interests of British Columbia, provided Jim Hill should acquire control of the Crow's Nest coal fields, is, to use a vulgar expression, 'Tommy Rot.' But suppose that any real danger actually existed; then direct communication between these districts and the coast would place Vancouver Island coke in competition with the Crow's Nest coke, and it could, by means of this railroad communication, be laid down at Grand Forks or Greenwood at the same price which the smelters now there pay for the Crow's Nest Pass coke, to wit, \$8 per ton. "The stand may be taken by some that because Vancouver Island coke carries 15 per cent. of ash, as against 10 per cent. of ash in Crow's Nest coke, it would be inferior to the latter. This is, of course, a fact, but I am figuring on the ground that actual danger of embarrassment of the British Columbia smelting enterprises would follow the acquisition of the control of the Crow's Nest Pass coal field by Jim Hill and his associates, and attempting to show where, if the citizens of the coast had shown the proper enterprise and obtained direct railroad communication, it would be impossible for the management of the Crow's Nest coal fields to embarrass the smelting interests of British Columbia to any great extent."

SOMEWHAT PERPLEXING. There are so many important projects on foot at the present time which depend for their successful development upon the generosity of the public that it seems inevitable that some of them must fall to the ground without substantial assistance from the provincial government or the city council. We take it for granted that the example of Manitoba, Ontario and the Dominion will be followed and a goodly sum voted at the coming session for a statute to the Queen, to be erected on the government grounds in front of the Parliament buildings. This monument, to be a worthy one in all respects of the lady whose memory it will perpetuate, is likely to cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000, and if the provincial administration cannot see its way to contribute such an amount, the rest should be made up by the people of British Columbia. Then there is the Paardeberg memorial to be provided for, the case of the widows and orphans at Cumberland which cannot be neglected, and the celebration of the 24th of May drawing near, which we take for granted will be declared a public holiday for all time, and which should be celebrated this year with a heartiness which never entered into it before. If the Mayor and his advisers can devise a way of overcoming the difficulty which is sure to be encountered in raising funds large in proportion to the importance of these various projects they will merit the thanks of the community.

THE SEALING INDUSTRY. We sympathize most deeply with Professor David Starr Jordan. After inventing a branding machine with which he hoped to drive the Canadian sealers out of the business, he is forced to confess that his device is a failure. The only purpose it has served is that of inflicting torture on a few helpless seals and rendering a dozen or so of skins taken annually by the Victoria schooners of little value. This good friend of the sealers does not say so directly, but we suppose he admits tacitly at last that he and his countrymen were wrong when they maintained that pelagic sealing was not a legitimate business, and also that they were merely bluffing when they advanced the proposition that Behring Sea was a mare clausum. If that had gone down the next thing would have been a claim of proprietary rights in animals which navigate almost from one extremity of the great ocean to the other. As our enterprising neighbors cannot herd them, fence them in nor in any other way keep them for any length of time on the islands which they preposterously claim to be their homes, they belong, like whales, or any other animals that make their homes upon the deep, to whoever can take them from their native element. We publish a statement of the case from the Professor's and the United States point of view in another column. It is interesting as setting forth the hopes our neighbors entertain as to the future of sealing and the remarkably good thing there would be in it for them if the Canadian business could be extinguished. It is a subject, we believe, on which Victorians feel rather more because of wrongs, personal and pecuniary, which they had to endure in the past and for which it was impossible to render adequate compensation. As to some of the statements contained in the article of Professor Jordan relating to the effect

of the operations of our fleet upon seal life there are doubtless many men in Victoria capable of stating the case from the Canadian point of view, and an opinion from them would be interesting at this time. It is said to be possible that the Joint High Commission may be called together again shortly. An arrangement might be arrived at for the purchase of the fleet operating from Victoria, but it is scarcely conceivable that the government of the Dominion would enter into an agreement to prohibit any citizen of the country from embarking in what has been adjudged to be a legitimate business, nor is it likely that the restrictions upon our sealers will be made more severe after the expiration of the term of existence of the present regulations. So that Professor Jordan and the government he represents may make up their minds that if monopoly is the only cause which will produce the effect he paints so glowingly this industry, which he claims should belong exclusively to Uncle Sam, will continue to languish for some time.

The following from the Cardiff Mail is of interest as showing the light in which one of the products of British Columbia is regarded in Great Britain: "Of its class, the pine imported from British Columbia may, without hesitation, be described as the finest timber in the world. About a month ago Messrs. Robinson, David & Co. (Limited), imported into Cardiff a cargo of this remarkable Canadian product. Some of it is in logs measuring from 80 feet to 100 feet long, square sawn running up to 36 inches on each face. The peculiarity of the timber consists in its absolute freedom from knots, sap, shakes, and other defects. A good deal of the timber has been converted—sawn into planks and quarters—and it is marvelous to see a board 80 feet long by three feet wide without a single knot to mar its perfect beauty. The wood is straight-grained, and though the fibre is strong, it is easy to work, and capable of being used for the finest joinery purposes. Some of the timber has been specially cut on the quarter, and is peculiarly adapted for ships' deck planks, as by this means of sawing the edge of the wood is always on the surface, thus making a tougher flooring, and one less liable to wear in use. The excellence of wood like the Columbian pine cut in this way makes it likely to supersede yellow pine, which has hitherto been used almost exclusively for ships' decks. The freight alone upon the cargo imported by Messrs. Robinson, David & Co. for bringing it from Vancouver to Cardiff was nearly 47,000, and the cargo itself, which took nearly six months to convey from port to port and two months to unload, amounted in value to over 421,000. It will thus be seen that a very considerable operation of the opening out of this new business involves. Already a considerable portion of the timber has been distributed, having been purchased not only for use in Wales, but in London, Glasgow, Liverpool, Southampton, Dover, Bristol, Birmingham, the Midland Counties, and the West of England. Mr. Lascelles Carr, editor of the Western Mail, and Mr. W. L. Griffith, the agent in South Wales for the Canadian government, were invited a day or two ago to inspect specimens of the Columbian pine in the yards and timber ponds of Messrs. Robinson, David & Co., where they met Mr. Gellard, the local agent of the exporters. The inspection was of special interest to these gentlemen, as Mr. Lascelles Carr and Mr. Griffith have arranged to take a trip to Canada in the course of the next fortnight, and in their travels they intend to visit the actual district whence this timber is derived."

The statement of Premier Ross of Ontario that the prohibitionists have nothing to hope for until by electing members to the legislature they demonstrate the strength of the prohibition sentiment in the country is manly and timely. Politicians in the past have been given to too much hedging on this question. There could be no more demoralizing thing for Ontario or any other province than a law on the statute books prohibiting the sale of liquor without a public sentiment sufficiently solid behind it to render its thorough enforcement practicable. The temperance sentiment in Canada is steadily growing, and advocates of the cause cannot afford to take any chances likely to result in demoralization such as exists in some of the states of the American Union. Mr. Garden has passed through some vicissitudes since he last sat in his comfortable chair across the bay. He has probably profited by his experience. Mr. Garden is no doubt popular enough in the Terminal City to win against all forces except a united Liberal party.

It is extraordinary the facility with which business is transacted in the House of Commons at Ottawa when the men who talked much and said little have been relegated to their proper station in life. A POINTER FOR CANADIANS. Hamilton Times. The Pan-American exposition may turn out all right, but the men who have the running of the advertising end of it do not inspire hopefulness. So far it looks like a great fake. Every bit of the Canadian end of the advertising seems to be done on the "dead-beat" plan. The managers appear to think that the Canadian papers are "good," and that they can be "worked" by sending them a lot of circulars. There is a liberal appropriation for publicity, but it follows in control of it hang on to it. The Canadian press is alive to the situation; those whose space is cheap may stand that sort of thing, but there are others. HER RULING PASSION. Chances are if they bring Mrs. Nathan before the bar of justice she will snash it.

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Disbanding A Company The Canadian Regulars Being Allowed to Take Their Discharge. Officers and Non-Coms. to Go to Halifax—Addition Regulars.

The C. O. and B. C. R. Co. is being disbanded. Acting under instructions from Ottawa from the deputy adjutant-general, Lieut.-Col. McKay is granting discharges to any of the non-commissioned officers and men who wish to avail themselves of that privilege. The term of their enlistment does not expire for some little time yet, the first enrolment having taken place about April 6th, 1900, but the government has authorized the C. O. to allow any to go who wish to do so at once. Eleven members of "A" Company have already availed themselves of the opportunity, and have been granted discharges. These are Sergt. Graham and Ptes. Roskram and Wilders, of Victoria; Ptes. Forbes, Osborne and Waite, of Esquimalt; Ptes. Gaskaby, of Vancouver; Ptes. Russell and Simpson, of New Westminster; Pte. McCallum, of Nelson; and Pte. Trow, of Kamloops. Non-commissioned officers who are recommended by the commanding officer of "A" Company, and who desire to do so, are to be recommended. Upon the completion of the disbandment of the company, the officers and non-commissioned officers who have re-enlisted will proceed to Halifax and join the battalion at headquarters. Recruiting will be carried on in the Eastern provinces for the purpose of reconstituting the establishment. It will be probably the middle of April before the disbandment here will be completed, so that the headquarters of "A" Company may be transferred to Halifax. A good number of the members of "A" Company, 3rd B. C. R., have signified their willingness to enlist in Col. Bader's South African Contingent. The following members have been recommended by Lieut.-Col. McKay: Corps. C. N. White, A. R. Fraser and W. J. Fenner, and Ptes. E. B. Outram, A. Haggart, G. J. Symes, G. S. McArthur, E. D. Davis, T. S. N. P. Valentine, E. S. Woods, H. A. Walton, H. Gussell, E. S. Martin, J. S. Cope, H. Maycock, J. D. Stewart, D. McLeod, R. Fowler, N. B. Bossi, J. Atkinson and E. J. Malson. They will to-morrow present themselves before Capt. Burstall at the drill hall. Lieut.-Col. McKay is anxious to serve upon Baden-Powell's force also, and made application some time ago together with a number of his men. The removal of the company will occasion keen regret in Col. McKay, Lieut. Clarke and the members of the company have enjoyed great popularity in the city, and it was hoped that they stay here might be permanent. They were originally posted here as a half company of the Halifax special service regiment, and in finishing their guard duty at the drill hall, the troops were overburdened with duties arising out of the doubling of sentries during the Fenian excitement. The company was afterwards raised to its full strength. "Timber" O'Grady solicits the information that the step is taken on the recommendation of Lieut.-Col. Grant, R.E., who advised the course which the department has adopted. It is rumored here that as soon as the 500 men of the West Force is completed will be assigned for duty here. This will raise the force of regular soldiers here to about 1,000 men.

SPENDING A MERRY TIME. Boys in Khaki Enjoying Freedom of City—Their Programme for To-morrow. The khaki boys have spent to-day in slight-seeing. They were up with the sun, notwithstanding the exertions made upon their time until a late hour last night, and this forenoon spent a jolly time visiting the various points of interest about the city. This afternoon a special car was taken for Esquimalt, where the men were shown over the ships, and expressed themselves as very much pleased with the inspection of the ordnance and armament. To-morrow afternoon they will parade at the drill hall, as indicated in yesterday's Times. After the ceremony they will attend a conversation in the drill hall from 4 to 6 o'clock. The Fifth Regiment had been in attendance, among the numbers promised on the musical programme being S. D. Schultz's "Charge at Dawn," dedicated to the heroes of Paardeberg. All men in uniform will be admitted free of charge, for others an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. A banquet will be given to-morrow night. DANGER OF COLDS AND LA GRIPPE. The greatest danger from colds and La Grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. It will cure a cold or an attack of La Grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

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HELLO, SALT SPRING! Construction of Telephonic Communication Between Gulf Islands and Duncan Will Commence at Once. Work will commence at once on the institution of the telephonic and cable connection between Salt Spring Island in the Gulf and Vancouver Island, instructions to this effect having just been issued by the Dominion department of public works. The line will start from Edward Lee's wharf between James Harbor and Burgoyne Bay; it will extend thence to Burgoyne Bay across the bay by cable and thence along the road via Maple Bay to Duncan station on the B. & N. railway. The distance from Lee's wharf to Burgoyne Bay is two miles, and across the narrows, three-quarters of a mile. At this point there are 122 fathoms of water, and the wind or tidal currents would not affect the cable at that depth. The distance from the Vancouver Island shore to Duncan is between seven and eight miles, so that the entire distance of communication, including the cable, would not be more than ten miles. It is altogether probable that the line will be ready in April. The inhabitants of the island will heartily appreciate this work goes without saying. It will be the means of giving them direct communication with the outside world. Formerly when the settlers were desirous of communicating with Victoria they had either to go across the Gulf in the Troquois to Sidney, now or sail across if their business was urgent, or wait for the steamer City of Nanaimo. In a short while they will be enabled to communicate hourly with Victoria, if they want to, and the inestimable value of the system is at once patent to all who have any idea of the inconvenience experienced by them in this respect in the past. Several years ago the settlers there determined upon having better communication between the different points on the island. They immediately set to work, and in a short time had a telephone line between Vancouver Bay and Burgoyne Bay, a distance somewhere in the neighborhood of three miles. The system already there has three central stations. With the completion of the projected line there will be communication directly between Vancouver Bay and Duncan, and thence to Victoria. It virtually brings the ranchers of this beautiful island within halting distance of their Victoria market. DOMESTICATION OF A SNAKE. To carry in one's hand a scowly caught snake, its poisonous fangs in its right it emits an effluvia which would disgust any but ardent naturalists, and would, if vented to-day, have left Tebb, had he lived among English meadows, at no loss for a means just as efficient as those he used to scare away the evil spirit. And is the progress of domestication henceforth encouraging. The animal answers all advances with furious hisses and menacing gesticulations. Once a large grass snake when newly caught flew at my hand, from which it drew just a speck of blood. Even this would have been serious if done by some of the tribe. But in a few days your ward grows tranquil, gives over hissing, loses other offensive ways, and may be held in the hand while it twines its body around the fingers and darts its tongue in and out. We now have an opportunity of closer examination. Certainly its appearance, like that of many poisonous flowers, is showy. Might we not, therefore, doubt the wisdom of the grass snake's body is completely clothed with scales, gray inclined to tawny, which on the back are granular, but broader lower down. Here they are met by polished semi-circles, shooting over one another, and usually mottled with milky white, though they are sometimes plain. The black of these there are about 170. The back is not marked conspicuously, and here lies the difference by which this snake and the adder or viper may easily be distinguished; for along the back of the viper runs a zig-zag chain of black blotches. Above the black, black side of the grass snake, though not quite corresponding, are two sets of smaller black dashes, which with the others, make a somewhat ringlike appearance. Four slits, making one ring, hence, doubtless comes one of the snake's names. The throat is ivorylike, the head brown, and at its back are four dusky, a yellow and black dash on each side. The eyes have black stripes, are lidless, and capable of turning through a small angle. The yellowish cheeks are striped.

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with black, and thus the swarthy features are made more expressive. The cloven tongue of jet is protruded through an orifice in the lips, withdrawn into a fleshy sheath, and noted in the throat. When active the snake darts out, wags, and withdraws this curious member every moment, thus undoubtedly invoking suspicion, especially when the tongue is kept steadily out and its bars are in different planes. As a matter of fact, the tongue terminates in two harmless hairs. The jaws are somewhat hooked, their worst feature. The snake, therefore, has reason to make the most of theatrical bravado, and scares most people, though undoubtedly to its detriment. The Gentleman's Magazine. A man named John Sligh has just been sentenced to death at Groulton, N. K. W., for the murder of Francis Carrac at Bark Creek, near Bombala. This is the second time the death sentence has been pronounced on Sligh, the first occasion being in 1884. This sentence was reduced to hard labor for life, the first three years of which he was to be kept in solitary confinement. Seven years of his sentence for courageous recusing three persons from drowning.

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The bodies of John Mangen (27) and Mabel Rose (15) were recovered by the police from a dam outside Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, Eng. A handkerchief bound the couple's wrists together, and it is supposed that they "decided to commit suicide." They had been "walking out" together for several months.



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WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 20—5 a.m.—The barometer is rising on the American coast northward from California, but a low area still overlies the western portion of this province and is central over Vancouver Island; a vast area of high barometer, central in the Territories, extends from the Lower Mainland eastward to Ontario. Snowfall has been general over the Island and the adjoining districts of the Mainland, and also in the eastern portion of Washington and Oregon. Along the American coast as far as San Francisco moderate to heavy rains have again fallen. East of the Rockies the weather is fair, an extremely cold temperature being reported from Seattle.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday. Victoria—moderately moderate or fresh southerly winds, partly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or snow. Lower Mainland—light or moderate winds, mainly easterly, cloudy and cold, with snow.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.97; temperature, 37; minimum, 33; wind, 12 miles S. E.; snow, .47; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, .10; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles W.; snow, .01; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 56; minimum, 54; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, .36; weather, rain.

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The annual smoking concert of the Victoria Association football club will be held this evening in the Sir William Wallace hall. An excellent programme will be rendered, and all attending are guaranteed a good time.

In the provincial police court yesterday afternoon Peter Hansen was fined \$10 for an infraction of the Wild Tire act, his wagon in which he has been hauling bricks on the Esquimalt road having had narrow tires.

Secretary G. H. Hadwen, of the District Association, has returned from New Westminster, where he has been instituting arrangements for the provincial sale of live stock to be held there under the association's auspices, on March 14th and 15th. The dates have been altered from March 12th and 13th, for the convenience of the Fraser river valley farmers. The stock is expected to arrive on Monday next.

A large number who attended the recital by the pupils of Mrs. Walsho Winkle and F. Victor Austin, assisted by Miss Florence Leveson, in the Institute hall last evening enjoyed a musical treat in every sense of the term. The various numbers demonstrated the great improvement made by the pupils, and the salient fact that Victoria has a number of youthful musicians among whom there is sufficient talent to win them no inconsiderable renown in the musical world.

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BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT. Prof. Payne Will Give a Performance For Union Sufferers—And "Talia," Too.

It is the intention of Prof. Payne, the hypnotist, who is billed to appear in the A. O. U. W. hall here on Thursday and Friday nights of this week to make the performance of Friday evening a benefit for the sufferers through the Union disaster, under the patronage of the mayor and council. Prof. Payne is spoken of as a very entertaining exponent of the hypnotic art, and should receive a bumper house. Capt. Warren has kindly offered the use of the hall free for the concert, and it is possible that arrangements may be made for free lights and bill-posting, so that as much as possible may be raised for the laudable purpose the professor has in view.

On Thursday week the new school of arms which is being established by Prof. Foster in the Philharmonic hall will be opened by a benefit assault-arms, the funds also to go toward the relief of the widows and orphans at Union. The affair will be under the patronage of the premier, and of the officers of the fleet and the men of the ships, whose ability in this line of entertainment has been so often proved, will contribute the major portion of the entertainment. The programme will include cutlass drill, single sticks, dancing, swinging, wrestling, club swinging, etc.—The classes in connection with the school of arms open to-morrow evening.

The Currie case is being heard in the police court this afternoon.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1.20 p.m., and connected with the train.

Steamer Idamul Meru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which is due from the Orient to-day, had not been reported from Carmanah up to the time of going to press.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory to-day is busy paying out the money received yesterday to the men entitled to the same. Of the total amount \$52.56 is due Victorians and \$39.95 is due New Westminster men. The sum due each man may be obtained by calling at Col. Gregory's office.

A sorrow-risaged Celestial named Long Sing was gathered in on Stone street this afternoon by Constable Handley and charged with being in possession of stolen property, consisting of an iron bracket, presumably belonging to the railway company. He will make his appearance in the police court to-morrow.

The funeral of the late Henry Anderson took place this afternoon from the B. C. Funeral and Furnishing Company's parlors at 2.30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The following acted as pallbearers: Mr. Chambers, L. W. Conyers, G. R. McTavish, T. Draney, G. T. Swanson and H. McKenzie.

The trophies prizes at the City band concert last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall were won, the first, a silver bonnet dish, by No. 210, and the second, a silver handled brush, by No. 222. Neither of these have been claimed. The third prize, a gold pen, was won by Miss M. Whitefield. The unclaimed prizes can be obtained by applying to F. S. Bantly, of the City band.

Capt. Harry Burstall will arrive from the Mainland this evening, and will commence recruiting for Major Gen. Baden Powell's Scouts—ambulatory to-morrow, the office to be opened in the drill hall at 10 o'clock. The khaki lads already assembled here are looking forward to Capt. Burstall's arrival with considerable pleasure, the gallant captain being very popular. He is also a good comrade, having commanded a Company for a time in South Africa, and will undoubtedly receive a warm welcome from the men.

Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, Sons of England Benefit Society, held their regular meeting last night. On account of removing to Happy Valley, Bro. S. Brake tendered his resignation as delegate to the federated board. It was accepted and a vote of thanks passed to Brake for his services. Bro. G. Ramsey was appointed in his place. After the close of the lodge a very pleasant evening was spent. The social was fully up to the usual standard. After refreshments had been served a number of songs, readings and recitations were rendered by various brothers.

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Discussed Railway. Mainland Deputation and Board of Trade Council Hold Conference This Morning.

Letter Will Unite With Former in Pressing Matter on Government.

A deputation consisting of H. T. Thrift, secretary of the Settlers' Association, Chas. Hill-Tout, president of the association, Mr. Grahame, reeve of Richmond, Mr. Annette, of New Westminster, A. C. Wells, of Chilliwack, R. Fraser, alderman of Vancouver, A. Hawkins, reeve of Matsqui, Jno. Oliver, M. P., and others, conferred with the council of the board of trade this morning for the purpose of securing their assistance in urging upon the government the advisability of a railway connection between the Fraser river valley and the coast. Of the council there were present: Vice-Pres. L. G. McQuade in the chair, and Messrs. H. J. Scott, T. W. Paterson, Lindley Crease, A. B. Fraser, Capt. Cox, J. A. Mara, C. H. Luigin, G. A. Kirk and Secretary Elworthy. After announcing the object of the meeting was called, the chairman called upon members of the deputation to express their views on the subject under consideration.

H. T. Thrift, the first speaker, said that the Settlers' Association of British Columbia had taken up this matter of railway communication from the first. A delegation had interviewed the government on this question last year, and had received some encouragement. A largely signed petition had been drawn up, and this will be laid before the executive. The petition was then read by Mr. Thrift as follows: To the Honorable the Premier and Members of the Executive Council of British Columbia: Your petitioners are residents, settlers and property owners in the agricultural municipalities of Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqui, Sumas and Chilliwack, in the district of New Westminster.

Your petitioners desire to urge the great necessity existing for railway communication between the municipal districts and the Coast cities of the province by means of a bridge over the Fraser river at the city of New Westminster, hereby giving the farmers disposal of most of their produce at New Westminster, Vancouver being too far. But if that bridge was constructed the difficulty in this respect would be reduced to a minimum.

Speaking on behalf of the Terminal City, Mr. Fraser said that the mayor and aldermen there fully endorsed the petition.

Mr. Thrift pointed out that a similar petition had been prepared to submit to the Dominion government, asking that a subsidy be granted to assist in the construction of the bridge.

Mr. Wells, of Chilliwack, said that the farmers in the district were handicapped in their efforts to secure a market. They had to pay \$4 per ton to reach Victoria, after hauling their produce, and the facilities for reaching this city were very inconvenient. They had also to rely on the C. P. R. for shipping produce to the Kootenays. The speaker had made an experiment in this direction, and his shipment cost him \$12 per ton, and \$2.50 to get it to the cars. He did not intend to repeat the venture.

On motion of Lindley Crease, seconded by J. A. Mara, it was decided to appoint a deputation of the council to unite with the Mainland body in interviewing the government. This was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

THE LEGISLATURE. Members Gathering For the Afternoon Ceremony To-morrow.

The legislature of the province will be opened to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Quite a number of members are already in town for the event, including Messrs. Oliver, McInnes, Houston, Taylor, Neil and others.

Opinion differs very much as regards the probable length of the session. Some members in the confidence of the government claim it will be a short one, while others expect it to be protracted to a more than ordinary degree.

J. Levy has again secured the contract for conducting the refreshment room in connection with the House. A fine new dinner service with the coat of arms of the province upon them has been purchased by the government.

The big attraction for Saturday night's drill hall concert is international basketball between the local champions, the J. R. A. team, and the Y. M. C. A. team of Portland, Ore. This game promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season, got only by reason of the fact that the match is of an international character, but on account of the exceedingly strong aggregation of players, both teams being equally noted for their lively work and lightning passes. Elaborate preparations are being made to make the game as enjoyable as possible, which will be played under American rules, and will start promptly at 8.30 o'clock. An excellent programme of music is also in preparation.

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Provincial News

NANAIMO. The divorce case of Forest v. Forest, tried before Justice Drake yesterday afternoon, was dismissed.

ROSSLAND. In the Supreme court sitting here yesterday, Chief Justice McCall presiding, a jury awarded L. W. McKelvey, a miner, \$3,000 damages for injuries sustained in an accident in the Ross mine last summer.

VANCOUVER. John L. Carter, proprietor of the Carter House, who has been confined to his residence in the hotel for some days past, died on Monday.

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Sailors Give Evidence

Testify to Having Been Offered Inducements to Desert the Ship Dunstaffnage.

Sleighs, Horses and Merchandise Being Shipped on Tees En Route to Dawson.

A deeply interested company of spectators watched the proceedings in court yesterday afternoon in the case brought against Horace Simms and Lewis Hansen, charged with inducing sailors to desert. The trial was conducted in the city police court-room before Magistrate Hall.

INCREASING NORTHERN TRADE.

While northern business is alleged to be poor on the Sound it is constantly improving on this side, and particularly in Victoria. The summer fleet which is going out heavily freighted with a heterogeneous cargo, comprising sleighs and horses for Dawson, general groceries and feed stuffs.

THE ORIENTAL FLEET.

Doddwell & Co.'s steamship Victoria, Captain Pantou, arrived at Yokohama on Monday. She should arrive back on April 5th. The steamship Tacoma, Captain Dixon, is reported safely arrived at Hongkong from Tacoma via Yokohama and Kobe.

ORDERED TO SHIP'S ASSISTANCE.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco says: "The United States revenue cutter McCulloch will take a supply of coal to-day preparatory to going in search of the dismantled German ship Otto Gildemeister, known to be off the California coast trying to make port."

MARINE NOTES.

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Baroness-Clara, bring me those dozen pocket handkerchiefs on which I told you to mark my monogram.

Lady's Maid-Here they are, my lady. Baroness-But how is this? You haven't marked all of them with my monogram.

LANSDOWNE'S PEDLER ANCESTOR.

Writing of the Marquis of Lansdowne, the London Chronicle says: Though he is one of the richest men in parliament, and has a house in Park Lane worth a fabulous sum, the new foreign secretary is, or ought to be, a man of strong human sympathies.

CLIFFS SET ON FIRE.

On the west coast of Ireland, at Ballyhannon, the Atlantic rollers have for centuries been breaking down the rocks and piling them with great caverns. These rocks contain in their depths masses of iron pyrites and alum.

Interesting Information About Cancer.

Our new book, entitled "Cancer Its Cause and Cure," contains valuable information about the new painless method of treating cancer and tumor.

FASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: S. Musk, W. W. Grime, H. M. Lamb, W. E. Rick, Fox, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Davis, Miss Hartman, Miss Tripp, Mrs. Lamb, H. Findley, G. Hadwin, F. Peters, W. H. Bone, W. C. Graham, S. A. Volunteers (23), Jas. Johnson, R. Bonthron, F. S. Annandale, J. D. McArthur, R. H. Gilman, Mrs. Cannon, Jas. Cannon, H. W. Johnston, J. D. McKenzie, W. G. Greenwood, Mrs. Murphy, W. H. Morrison, G. Ross, Rev. Widdington, Rev. Keld, Mrs. Perry, J. Richardson, Mrs. Taylor, N. Marcus, T. H. Boomer, G. A. Calderik, H. Emery, W. A. Beaver, J. P. Burns, H. McDonald, G. McL. Brown, D. Murphy, R. J. Kerr, E. O. Jennings, G. A. Huff, G. A. Keeler, T. A. Taylor, W. B. Curtis, F. J. Fulton, W. C. Wells, P. W. Evans, J. Houston, J. Brentzen, F. S. Reynolds, N. K. Louren, Major Harrett, Guy Macgowan, G. B. Perry, Mrs. Wolf, P. M. Rattenbury, G. P. Ritter, Lt. Burton, J. A. McArthur.

Per steamer Schome from the Sound: F. W. Maughan, M. Hanson, B. F. Coll, H. Miller, J. Bulmer, J. White, M. Long, H. Fisher, Robt. Ellis, P. Ballard, N. W. Bates, M. Johnston, J. Wassen, A. W. Evans, J. Maguire, J. Ross, P. Scotland, J. Barber, H. Dassel, W. H. Lacey, Messrs. Villars, E. M. Johnston, E. M. Bulet, Miss Davis, E. J. Gervais, C. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. James, Miss Benson, Mr. Gaspert, E. White, Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. Dunbar, Miss Huff, Lizzie Smith, J. H. Little, G. W. Smith, E. M. Little, W. K. Elliott, Mrs. Elliott.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound: Miss Ezeta, W. H. McCabe, Y. S. Brown, H. McCreger, J. A. Johnson, A. Martin, O. Olson, E. T. Thompson, W. Nicholas, W. Soudon, V. Vernon, J. Crook, P. Green, T. E. Marks, J. Kelsey, J. Hackney, L. Chopard, R. Emerson, W. H. Prouty, W. Gray, H. Cuthbert, Capt. Gilmore, F. M. Studley, A. B. Fraser, W. C. Moresby, Miss Woodman, W. F. Ray, Geo. Brown, L. Townsend, Jas. Delgado.

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GENERAL AGENT, VICTORIA, B. C.

TIDE TABLE

Table with columns for Date, High Water, and Low Water, listing tide times for various dates in February 1901.

A CHINESE GIRL.

She had been very happy with her kind missionary friends, and had been brought up as a good Methodist. At the age of fourteen, however, her mother claimed her in order to arrange a marriage for her.

YOU ARE WANTED

Yes, we want your trade, and can't live without it. All repairing, manufacturing and diamond setting entrusted to us will receive most careful and prompt attention.

HALSTON PHYSICAL CULTURE

First lessons on February 4th, 1901. Mrs. D. H. Harris, certified teacher, is prepared to receive pupils. Special classes for children. For terms, etc., apply by letter or at 42 Superior street, James Bay.

EXHIBITION 1901.

A meeting of members of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 1901, for the purpose of electing a permanent secretary, and such other business as may be considered necessary.

A CERTAIN CURE.

Years of severe tests have clearly demonstrated the fact that Wills' English Pills are a certain cure for Constipation and its dangers. They are the only guaranteed Constipation Pills sold by druggists.

FOR SALE--LAND AT ALBERNI

Under power of sale in mortgage given by Maria Kitchin, wife of Thomas Kitchin, real estate agent, of Nanaimo and Ladysmith, the easterly 51 1/2 acres of lot 14, Alberni District.

RESERVE, GRADAM ISLAND.

Notice is hereby given that the Crown lands on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Group, are reserved until further notice.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE.

Notice is hereby given that the reservation placed on Crown lands situated in the Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake Mining Divisions of Cassiar District, notice of which was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 13th September, 1888, is hereby cancelled.

Notice to Contractors.

Tenders will be received up till Friday, 22nd instant, 12 noon, for the erection of frame cottage on View street. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of the undersigned.

NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ENGLISH, DECEASED. All persons indebted to the above estate are required to pay the amount due forthwith; and all persons having claims against the above estate are required to send in their accounts duly verified on or before the 5th day of March, 1901, to J. McAdam, the executor, or to F. H. & G. GREGORY, Solicitors for the executor.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the 21st day of February, 1901, for the purchase of those parcels of land described as Lots 6 and 7, and the provisions of Sec. 2 and 61, part of Sub-divisions 1 and 2, Oak Bay Estate, according to a plan filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., as No. 379. Mortgage registered in charge book, vol. 11, folio 401, as number 134682.

Notice to Dairymen and Milk Venders.

Notice is hereby given that from and after the 1st day of March next the provisions of the "Milk Vendors By-Law" will be enforced, and all persons interested are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

YOU ARE WANTED

Yes, we want your trade, and can't live without it. All repairing, manufacturing and diamond setting entrusted to us will receive most careful and prompt attention.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, Harriet B. Hastings, of Victoria, B. C., will apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners sitting as a Licensing Court on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1901, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, for a transfer of the license held by me to sell wines, spirits and liquors by retail on the premises known as the Wilson Hotel Bar, Yates street, Victoria, B. C., to Stephen White and M. H. McCabe.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I, Matthew H. McCabe, of the City of Victoria, intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of the license held by me to sell wines and liquors by retail on the premises known as the Wilson Hotel Bar, Yates street, Victoria, B. C., to Stephen White and M. H. McCabe.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the "Act of Incorporation" the first meeting of the shareholders of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company will be held at the office of D. G. Macdonell, at the City of Vancouver, on the 5th day of February, 1901, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which meeting the shareholders of the said Company will proceed to elect five Directors, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Licensing Court of the City of Victoria, B. C., I intend making application for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell wines, spirits and liquors at the premises known as the California Hotel, in Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, B. C., to J. S. Hollis.

Arctic Slope Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited.

NON-PERSONAL LIABILITY. Special General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Board Trade Building, on Monday, 25th instant, at 8 o'clock P. M. to consider the advisability of purchasing additional plant and giving the directors the power to raise money to efficiently equip the Company for the present season, and thus enable them to increase their output, and other business.

NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Neither the master nor the undersigned will be responsible for any debt contracted by the crew of the above vessel without their written authority.

BRITISH SHIP "HALLA"

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Direct importation from England and France, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c.

Perfect Tooth Powder 25 cents. Preserves and whitens the teeth.

Thymo-Dentine 25 cents. An antiseptic tooth wash, prevents decay. See display in Yates street window.

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Waldersee's Expedition

Preparations Are Being Made for Advance Into the Interior of China.

Unofficial Intimation That Chinese Will Agree to Terms of Powers.

(Associated Press) Pekin, Feb. 20.—The foreign envoys today received an unofficial communication from the Chinese plenipotentiaries offering to agree to all the terms of the powers.

The Chinese desired to save the lives of Chao Shu Chiao and Ying Nien, but they were informed that the ministers insisted upon the formal demands. A complete surrender is expected to-morrow.

Meanwhile extensive preparations are being made for the expedition planned by Count von Waldersee. The Germans have purchased 1,800 camels for transport purposes.

A representative of the Associated Press was informed by the foreign ministers today that they thought the gravity of the situation over. It was expected, however, that difficulties would arise among themselves when some of the governments should send their indemnity claims, and particularly was there uneasiness before the evacuation should take place. Other ministers resent this, saying it will be impossible for China to pay, as China has not a large reserve, and the customs receipts go to pay dividends upon former loans, and that it is improbable that she could borrow a sum of any magnitude.

United States Minister Conger estimates the total demands upon China at \$40,000,000.

TO MEET R. C. CLUTE Ralph Smith Will Confer With Chairman of Chinese Commission on Labor Matters.

(Special to the Times) Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Ralph Smith left for Toronto tonight to meet R. C. Clute, chairman of the Chinese commission, and talk over with him any labor matters affecting British Columbia.

W. W. Forester, New Westminster, has been appointed census commissioner for New Westminster district. James Brodie, Quebec, has been appointed secretary of the Canadian exhibit at Glasgow; Robt. Hamilton, Greenville, in charge of horticulture; A. K. Stewart in charge of minerals, and C. W. Thomas, of Montreal, in charge of staff. As already stated, D. W. Scott is commissioner. Messrs. Scott and Stewart leave here on Friday.

KING'S VISIT TO IRELAND. His Majesty Will Probably Cross the Channel in the Spring.

(Associated Press) New York, Feb. 20.—It was semi-officially announced in Ireland, says the Tribune's London correspondent, that King Edward will carry out, in the course of the spring, the engagements he made while Prince of Wales for visiting Ireland. He will be entertained by three peers and will be officially received at Belfast, Dublin and Waterford.

THE TARIFF WAR. (Associated Press) London, Feb. 20.—The tariff war with America is not considered serious in official circles, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, "as it is expected that before Russia begins reciprocal measures the respective increases in duties will have contracted one another. For this reason Russia has proposed making reprisals for fourteen days. The raising of the duty on grain would be of no advantage to Russia against Germany."

A Berlin dispatch says Count Hismarck-Böhlen, nephew of the great German soldier, is dead.

Mr. Martin On Election

Wishes to Ascertain If He Has Lost Confidence of Vancouver Electors.

Will Call a Meeting of Opposition on His Return From Seattle.

(Special to the Times) Vancouver, Feb. 20.—Joseph Martin, Opposition leader, today dictated the following statement: "I will place myself in the hands of the citizens of Vancouver. They elected Garden yesterday by 300 of a majority over Macpherson, and I wish to find if the result was due to want of confidence in myself. I construe it that way at present. I will leave to-day for Seattle on business, and will call a meeting of the Opposition on his return to consider where the opposition to myself lies. If it is so decided, I will resign from the House and step down and put and devote my time to private business."

It is officially announced that Superintendent Wm. Downie, of the C. P. R., of this city, will take charge of the Kootenay division of the railway, as superintendent, to include the Bonanza and Crow's Nest sections. Capt. J. W. Troupe, commodore of the Interior lake fleet, will take charge of the lately purchased Skagway steamers on March 1st.

COMMERCIAL OF CHINA. International Trust Formed Which Will Control Trade. (Associated Press) London, Feb. 20.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail describes a trust formed by leading financial houses in Europe and the United States through the instrumentality of Col. Tshy with a view of controlling the commerce of China. He says that the King of the Belgians is the secret promoter of this gigantic undertaking, which will be called the International Company of the Far East.

"Belgian interests intend to play a very prominent part in China in the future," says the correspondent. "M. Franconi, former Belgian consul at Shanghai, leaves tomorrow for China. He has been appointed agent-general of the International Company at a salary of £4,000 a year. He will be accompanied by railroad and mining engineers and other officials. The company has bought at Shanghai a large hotel, where fetes and receptions will be given with a view of exciting the sympathy of mandarins and Chinese traders. "The construction or acquisition of railroads in China, as well as the control of lines of steamers, forms part of the company's programme. The advocates of this great monopoly consider that the fact of the financiers of all countries being interested will form a valuable guarantee of peace in China."

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER. (Associated Press) Minneapolis, Feb. 20.—A verdict of manslaughter in the first degree has been returned by the jury in the trial of Frank Hamilton, the newspaper reporter, for the killing of Leonard R. Day, a young millionaire, in the billiard rooms of the West hotel on November 25th last.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Furnished by B. H. Hurst & Co., 25 Fort Street.)

Table with columns: Stock Name, Asked, Bid. Includes items like B. C. Gold Fields, Black Tail, Brandon & Golden Gr., Canadian G.P., Cariboo McKinney, Cariboo Hydraulic, Centre Star, Crow's Nest Pass Coal, California, Deer Trail Coal, Evening Star, Fairview Corp, Golden Star, Giant, Iron Mask, Knob Hill, Cranby Smelter, Montreal & London, Morning Glory, Morrison, Noble Five, North Star, Oilville, Payne, Rambler Cariboo, Republic, St. James Sovereign, Virtue, War Eagle, White Bear, Winnipeg, Sullivan.

Sales—Fairview, 1,600 at 3 1/2; North Star, 200 at 8 1/2; Waterloo, 5,000 at 2 1/2, 1,000 at 3; White Bear, 500 at 5, 500 at 4 1/2, 1,000 at 4; Cariboo McKinney, 500 at 4 1/2; White Bear, 2,000 at 4 1/2, 1,000 at 5, 500 days 2,000 at 5, 100 at 4 1/2.

WALL STREET. (Associated Press) New York, Feb. 20.—Trading was active at the opening of the stock market, but changes were narrow and both up and down for the railroad stocks. Liquidation, however, was reported in some of the foreign stocks. After the first few minutes there was heavy selling of the Granger stocks, which forced Rock Island down 2 1/2. St. Paul a point, and Burlington 1 1/2. Northern Pacific also weakened and fell to 82. The stock market opened irregular.

Don't fail to see Prof. Payne, Hypnotist and Phrenologist, opens a three night engagement at the A.O.U.W. Hall Thursday 21st and Saturday 23rd.

The warning that has been sounded against turning the leaves of books with wet fingers, for fear of microbes, was based on investigations by the authorities among the circulating libraries at Dresden, to determine whether they were a medium for the communication of infection. Sliced leaves of books were rubbed first with dry fingers, and then with wet ones, and the result microscopically examined. No microbes, or few, were found on the dry fingers, but many on the wet fingers.

NEVER WORRY—Take them and go about your business—they do their work while you are doing yours. Dr. Ayer's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial. 10 cents. Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—21.

Personal.

F. M. Hattenbury returned from a trip East last evening. Mr. Hattenbury has charge of building an addition to the Hotel Vancouver, and made this trip to transact some preliminary business before work commences.

The following members of the provincial legislature arrived in the city last evening: Speaker Booth; F. J. Fulton, of Kamloops; Dennis Murphy, West Yale; Thos. Taylor, West Kootenay.

F. A. Richardson, formerly of Victoria, is in the city renewing old acquaintances. He leaves for the West Coast on the Queen City this evening.

G. A. Hall, of Alberni; G. S. B. Perry and wife, and Lieut. Hutten were among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening.

Among the passengers returning from the Mainland last evening were the members of the Victoria ladies' hockey team.

T. S. Annandale, representing a wholesale and retail grocery business at New Westminster, is at the Victoria.

J. P. White and G. W. Smith, associated with the Upper Yukon Consolidated Co., are guests at the Douglas.

Capt. Gilmore, Puget Sound pilot, and F. M. Studley, agent for the N. Y. K. Co., at Seattle, are in the city.

G. A. Oliver, provincial police officer at New Westminster, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion.

John Hamilton, M. P. P., of Nelson, arrived last night at the Victoria.

Among the arrivals on the noon train today from Nanaimo was W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P.

Guy Macgowan, a well known commercial man of Vancouver, is a guest at the Dryden.

R. Smalls, manager of Rendell & Co., Greenwood, is staying at the Victoria hotel.

H. M. Lamb and wife arrived from Vancouver last night per steamer Charming.

G. McL. Brown, of the C. P. R., came over from Vancouver last evening.

F. Peters was among the passengers from the Mainland last evening per the Bonanza.

Revs. Whittington and Reid arrived from Vancouver last evening.

W. H. Bone was among the arrivals from Vancouver last evening.

G. A. Kiefer, Dominion government inspector, is in the city.

F. S. Reynolds, editor of the Ashcroft Journal, is in the city.

W. W. Grime was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

H. S. Taylor, of the Seattle Times, is at the Dominion.

Miss Hartnagle arrived from Vancouver last evening.

SUICIDE STATISTICS. In a paper printed in the American Journal of Insanity, Mr. G. Styles presents statistics regarding the occurrence of suicides. Fifty years ago it was shown that only 4 out of 10,000 persons rated as paupers died by their own hands while 7 out of 10,000 of other social classes, 5 bankers or other professional men, nearly 8 soldiers, 7 tailors, shoemakers or bakers, and only 1-10 carpenters, butchers and masons out of 10,000 were suicides. Sweden had the lowest average of all the countries mentioned, namely, 1 suicide to 92,000 persons; Russia had 1 to 35,000; the United States 1 to 15,000; Saxony 1 to 8,446. In St. Petersburg and in London the proportion was 1 to 21,000. If we take the statistics of the fifty years just passed for France the following is the result: For every 10,000 inhabitants of France there were in 1841-45, nine suicides; in 1846-50, ten; in 1851-55, thirteen; in 1856-60, fifteen; in 1861-65, twenty-one; in 1866-70, twenty-two; in 1871-75, twenty-five. During the years 1868-1890 the percentage of suicides increased in Belgium 72 per cent.; in Prussia, 411 per cent.; in Austria, 100 per cent.; in France, 213 per cent.; in Saxony, 212 per cent.; in Sweden, 72 per cent.; in Denmark, 35 per cent.

RUSSIA'S INTERNAL WATERWAYS. For more than one hundred years after the commencement of Peter the Great's life work the waterways were the only practical means of cheaply transporting the products of Russian soil and industry from one part of the vast domain to another. No other country is so prodigally endowed with navigable rivers. In European Russia alone fully 60,000 miles of inland waterways were navigable to the simple barges of those days. The rivers of Russia have their sources within a comparatively few miles of each other, all of the great streams rising within the area of the broad plateau of the north, so that it was no difficult feat to connect the headwaters of the numerous rivers. The construction of less than 4,000 miles of canals and canalized rivers, of less than 900 miles of actual canals, made it possible to travel by barge from Archangel, on the Arctic, to Astrakhan on the Caspian, a distance of more than 3,000 miles, from St. Petersburg to the foot of the Urals; and from the Baltic to the Black Sea by three distinct routes, to say nothing of Moscow and numerous other inland cities which were brought into direct water communication with all parts of the empire.—A. H. Ford in The Engineering Magazine.

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A beautiful, new Pansy The Steele-Briggs "Madame Perret" Pansy has very large pink-to-purple flowers. Sometimes they are double. The leaves are green. It is a straighter, stiffer stems than the ordinary pansy, and the flowers are held out from the stalks better. We will send our Catalogue and a Madame Perret Pansy seed packet by mail to you for 25c. Send to THE STEEL-BRIGGS SEED CO., Ltd., TORONTO, Canada's Greatest Seed House.

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At the City Auction Mart, 73 Yates Street, 2 p. m. Saturday, February 23, REAL ESTATE

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NO. 3—BUILDING SITE—Lot 11, Green street, off Quadra street, about 7 minutes from the Alhambra and other theatres.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Notice to Members.

Members are asked for the purpose of taking the oath of allegiance at Mr. Fell's office, Room at Trade Building, between the hours of 10 and 11 Thursday morning, or at the Clerk's office in the Parliament Buildings between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1901. THORNTON FELL, Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SCMAS RIVER BRIDGE ALBERNI DISTRICT, B. C.

Sealed tenders, properly indorsed, will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, the 14th March next, for the erection and completion of a bridge across the Soaness River, near Alberni, Alberni District, B. C.

Drawings, specifications, and form of contract may be seen at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., at the office of the Government Agent, Nanaimo, B. C., and at the Government Office, Alberni, B. C., on and after the 21st instant.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit made payable to the undersigned for the sum of five hundred (\$500) dollars, as security for the due fulfillment of the contract, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

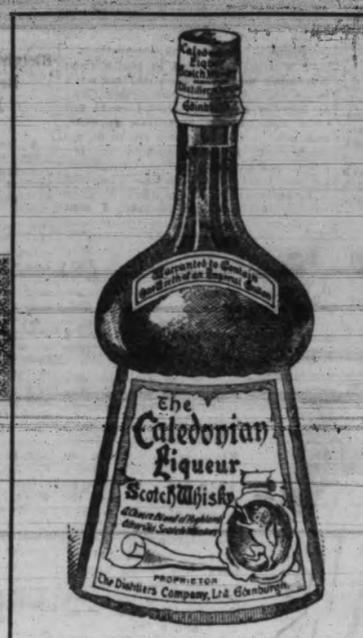
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W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 19th February, 1901.

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